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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-13,15-21,23 and 25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-13,15-21,23 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the Amendment filed on January 25, 2007.
2. Claims 1 – 5, 7 – 13, 15 – 21 , 23 and 25 are pending and are considered below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 7 – 9, 15 – 17 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kyotoku (USPGPub 2003/0110011) in view of Baese et al. (USPGPub 2002/0082025).

As to claims 1, 9:

Kyotoku discloses a method and a system for regulating execution of a software, the regulating being determined by a physical location of the client computer on which the software is to be executed (see Abstract), the method comprising:

storing a first list of authorized location ranges where a client computer is authorized to receive a execute of a software from a server (paragraphs 50, 90);

determining a physical location of the client computer (paragraphs 55, 92);

comparing the physical location of the client computer with the first list of authorized location ranges (paragraphs 57, 93);

executing ("remote access") the first software only if the physical location of the client computer is within the range of one of the authorized location ranges from the first list of authorized location ranges (paragraph 94, figures 4 and 7);

but Kyotoku does not explicitly disclose executing the first software only if the client computer does not receive information derived from a GPS signal.

Baese discloses a method and a device for locating a vehicle similar to Kyotoku's locating of a client computer (Abstract) using GPS or beacons ([0011]).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to determine a location without the use of GPS if for example a device was in a screened region (Baese, "in screened regions (e.g., regions in which there is no mobile radio reception, GPS reception, etc.) it is possible to generate indoor position data ... using ... beacons" [0011]. Note that , in a screened region, a device does not receive information derived from a GPS signal).

As to claims 7 – 8, 15 – 16, 23:

Kyotoku and Baese disclose the method of claim 1, but Kyotoku does not disclose the method wherein the physical location of the computer is determined from a local enterprise generated signal.

Baese discloses using local enterprise generated signals (beacons) to determine location ([0011]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Baese's other alternative path such as local enterprise generated signal to determine physical location. One would have been motivated to use

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the local enterprise generated signal to determine location in case it is difficult to use GPS for example where GPS broadcast wave cannot reach a GPS receiver.

As to claim 17:

Kyotoku discloses a method and a product for regulating execution of software, the regulating being determined by a physical location of the client computer on which the software is to be executed (see Abstract), and the method comprising:

storing a first list of authorized location ranges where a client computer is authorized to receive and execute of a software from a server (paragraphs 50, 90);

determining a physical location of the client computer (paragraphs 55, 92);

comparing the physical location of the client computer with the first list of authorized location ranges (paragraphs 57, 93);

executing ("remote access") the first software only if the physical location of the client computer is within the range of one of the authorized location ranges from the first list of authorized location ranges (paragraph 94, figures 4 and 7);

but Kyotoku does not explicitly disclose executing the first software only if a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver on the client computer does not detect a GPS signal.

Baese discloses a method and a device for locating a vehicle similar to Kyotoku's locating of a client computer (Abstract) using GPS or beacons ([0011]).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to determine a location without the use of GPS if for example a device was in a screened region (Baese, "in screened regions (e.g., regions in which there is no

mobile radio reception, GPS reception, etc.) it is possible to generate indoor position data ... using ... beacons" [0011]. Note that , in a screened region, a GPS receiver does not detect a GPS signal).

5. Claims 2 – 5, 10 – 13, 18 – 21, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kyotoku in view Baese and in further view of Wall (USPGPub 2002/0017977).

As to claims 2, 10, 18:

Kyotoku and Baese disclose the method of claims 1 and 17, but Kyotoku fails to specifically disclose the method further comprising: upon determining that the physical location of the client computer is not within the first list of authorized location ranges, requesting execution of a second software.

However, Wall discloses a similar method where location is used to control access, use, and viability of software and hardware (Abstract) including executing a limited use access/usage version of a software ([0103]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to request a second or any number of other executions in Kyotoku's method, as is done in Wall's method by executing different versions of software. One would have been motivated to do so because that would enhance Kyotoku's method by extending "the control of the provider to the end user" (Wall, [0029]).

As to claim 3, 11, 19:

Kyotoku, Baese and Wall disclose the method of claim 2, Kyotoku further discloses: upon determining that the client computer is not located within an authorized area for the requested software execute, generating an alert ("message") issued to a software administrator server (paragraph 84).

As to claims 4, 12, 20 and 25:

Kyotoku and Baese disclose the methods of claims 1, 9, 17 but Kyotoku does not disclose specifically rechecking the physical location of the computer and disabling the software when it is determined that the computer is no longer in an area authorized for executing the software. Wall discloses a similar system to control the use of software utilizing geographic location where the location is continuously checked and the software is enabled only when the computer is located in an authorized area (paragraph 85). It would have been obvious for one with ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to include the continuous checking of Wall's system into Kyotoku's. One would have been motivated to continuously check a computer user's position to control software residing on portable apparatus such as PDAs (Personal Digital Assistant) and laptops.

As to claims 5, 13, and 21:

Kyotoku, Baese and Wall disclose the methods of claims 4, 12, 20 but Kyotoku does not disclose specifically deleting the software from the computer's system. Wall discloses a similar system to control the use of software utilizing geographic location where the software is erased from the computer (paragraph 32). It would have been obvious for one with ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to add

the feature of erasing the software from the computer's system because that would deter theft and export of software because the software will completely be deleted from the computer if the computer is used outside authorized locations as suggested by Wall ([0013]).

Response to Arguments

6. Kraft is withdrawn as prior art in view of Applicant's invocation of 35 U.S.C 103(c). The finality of the last Office Action is thus also withdrawn.
7. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Glick et al. (USPN 6,985,588) discloses a system and method for using location identity to control access to digital information, wherein the location is done using various methods.

9. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samuel G. Neway whose telephone number is 571-270-1058. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 5:30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David R Hudspeth can be reached on 571-272-7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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